Assistance to Tribals in Social Forestry Scheme in States

2175. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 106 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1986 and state:

(a) what special assistance in the form of subsidy and otherwise, is being provided by Government in the tribal areas of Maharashta, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa, so as to encourage and help the tribal in the social forestry schemes; and

(b) what are the details of the specific guidelines issued to State Government and banks in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Specific subsidy or other assistance to tribal areas is given by State Governments. Under the Centrally sponsored Social Forestry Scheme there is no provision for giving special assistance to tribal areas.

(b) No specific guidelines pertaining to tribals have been issued by the National Wasteland Development Board.

Vacant Posts of Chairmen and Managing Directors in the Public Sector Undertakings

2176. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Public sector undertakings and boards under different Ministries|Departments of the Government of India which are without Chairmen and Managing Directors.

(b) what is the number of such posts which are likely to fall vacant during the next six months;

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure that these posts are filled up in time;

(d) what is the number of cases where the terms of the Boards of Directors of such undertakings have expired and since when ; and

(e) what action has been taken to appoint new Directors of these boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Working of the Sugar Mills Established Under the Incentive Scheme, 1976

2177. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of levy sugar released for free sale in the case of the new sugar mills established and those which expanded their capacity under the incentive scheme, 1976, against their total production, mill-wise and year-wise during the last three years;

(b) what is the extent of excise duty relief enjoyed by these sugar factories in each case yearwise since the introduction of the incentive scheme during the same period; and

(c) what is the mill-wise amount of loan given to each of these sugar factories from the Sugar Development Fund under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Statement at Appendices I [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 123] and II (*See* below) show the quantity of levy sugar released as freesale sugar for the last three years under the Incentive Scheme, 1975. for new factories and expansion projects respectively.

(b) Excice duty relief depends upon the rates of excise duty on freesale sugar and levy sugar prevailing from time to time From March, 1983 onwards. the excise duty benefit is Rs. 12/-per quintal.

(c) Grant of Loans from Sugar Development Fund is independent of the Incentive Scheme and is applicable to all sugar factories. No loan from this Fund is given under the Incentive Scheme.